Unemployment in the country

2534. MISS MABEL REBELLO : Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that around seven and half crore people are unemployed in the country at present while only one fourth of them are registered in employment exchanges;

(b) whether economic liberalisation is creating more unemployment in the country; and

(c) the details of last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) Ministry of Labour has reported that: The estimates of employment, unemployment and labour force are obtained on the basis of Labour Force Surveys conducted by NSSO from time to time. As per the latest survey conducted by NSSO in 1999-2000, the estimated number of unemployed in the country is of the order of 10 million by the Usual Principal Status approach.

The number of Job seekers, all of whom are not necessarily unemployed, on the live register of Employment Exchanges at the end of 2000 were of the order 41.3 million.

(b) and (c) The average annual growth rate of overall employment (both organised and unorganised sector) after continuous declining from 2.75% in the period 1972—78 to 1.77% in 1983—1988, increased to 2.37% in the period 1987-1994. Thus the broad trends of growth in the post reform period indicate that the impact of economic and globalisation policies on employment have been, by and large positive.

Damage to Government offices/buildings in Gujarat

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